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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

1. This dispatch indicates that Standardized Government Travel Regulations prescribe a per diem rate of \$6 when the day for which per diem is received is spent in commercial air travel over countries that have different maximum per diem rates. In other words, if the day was spent flying over country (a), maximum per diem rate \$9, country (b), maximum per diem rate \$8, and country (c), maximum per diem rate \$7, \$6 would be all that was authorized. On the other hand, if the day was spent in flying from country (d), maximum per diem rate \$9, to country (e), maximum per diem rate \$9, \$9 would be authorized.

2. I talked to Ed Saunders and [] about this, and they admit there are many inequities in this ruling but state they have done a thorough investigation with GAO, the Bureau of the Budget, and the State Department and that the above facts are Standardized Government Travel Law.

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3. The apparent reason is that accounting time and computation time in Washington are saved.

4. In any event our Regulations do say that we will follow the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, and the matter does not appear important enough to make an issue of. Therefore, recommend signature.

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